

Weekly Column For November 1, 2007

And there you have it- just like that Halloween is over. That was quite quick month. If you gloss over it you can even forget that the Red Sox won the World Series.

Often times I debate what I want to write for the weekly column, so I will take a look back at what was happening a year ago. I did just that this morning, and you will not believe what I discovered.

“It is hard to believe that November is here already. And it was quite a harsh reminder waking up this morning and being shown what is on the way. That’s right, snow on the lawn this morning.”

Well, we certainly have that going for us. The rest of the column dealt with public meetings concerning the Troy Homes Project, and it brought a smile to my face. You will remember that several weeks ago, we chose the winners in the first round of the Troy Homes project. As Thanksgiving nears, these five families are getting ready to close on their first homes. Hopefully by the holidays they will be living in their new homes.

It is a great project, and one that we look forward to expanding upon in the coming years. I met with some residents of Beachwood this morning to talk about some key issues in the City of Troy, and the grant programs that we have brought in house is one of the subjects that was broached. Along with the Troy Homes project, the Home Code Compliance Grant Program and our down payment initiative, each brought in house last year, continue to move forward full steam ahead.

These are programs that are federally funded, but for the first time in a long time, the money is being used where it should be. I’m very proud of that.

There is an exciting benefit for the Community Gardens this Sunday at Tosca for those interested. An important project is going to be announced that night, and we are looking forward to more positive news in the City of Troy.

Election Day is Tuesday. As I’ve said each of the past four years, please go out and vote- it is your civic duty.

Have a wonderful weekend!

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